1 In Colossians 3:19, 21 there are key words given to every husband. Would you say your behaviour towards your wife resembles the way that Christ treats his Church?

2 When relating to your wife, according to 1 Peter 3:7, what will result in a husband’s prayer life being hindered? Reflect on three key words in the verse and discuss.

3 As a spiritual priest and head of the family, are you exercising spiritual leadership in the home, by reading the Bible and praying with your wife and children?

What do I need to apply from what I have learned from this study?

In the Old Testament, Abraham was known as the father of the faithful. In Genesis 18:18 God says that all nations will be blessed in him. Then in verse 19, (reading in the KJV) God says, “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

What a wonderful testimony from the lips of the Almighty! Now have a deep and meaningful look at your own life and the spiritual state of your wife and family, and ask yourself the question – is God that confident in me, to trust me to do the same as Abraham did in bringing his family up in the fear and love of the Lord? It’s worth thinking about. And remember, it’s never too late to do right!

A man’s spirituality is not measured by how much he prays, reads his Bible, speaks in tongues, or prophesies in church; but by how much self is still left in his life. When a man loves himself and his own way and interests more than he loves his wife, it won’t be long before his marriage will slowly but surely disintegrate!